

In the claims:

1. (currently amended) A marking device ~~for positioning markings, having comprising~~ a first equipment unit (10), having means (14) for disposing the first equipment unit (10) at a predetermined first position (18) of a reference face (16), and having optical signal means (20, 22, 50, 54, 60, 62, 64, 66) for generating directional information, ~~characterized in that the device has~~ a second equipment unit (12, 13), which is positionable relative to the first equipment unit (10) and which has means (20, 22, 28, 50, 54, 60, 62, 64, 66), which make it possible to ascertain the spacing of the second equipment unit (12, 13) from the first equipment unit (10) in the direction predetermined by the first equipment unit.

2. (currently amended) The device as defined by claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the spacing determining means (20, 22, 28, 50, 54, 60, 62, 64, 66) include an optical measuring system.

3. (currently amended) The device as defined by claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the optical measuring system for determining spacing includes optical signal means (20, 22, 50, 54, 60, 62, 64, 66) of the first equipment unit (10).

4. (currently amended) The device as defined by claim 2,
~~characterized in thatwherein~~ the optical measuring system for determining
spacing includes at least one light-sensitive sensor (56, 58).

5. (currently amended) The device as defined by claim 1,
~~characterized in thatwherein~~ the optical signal means (20, 22, 50, 54, 60, 62, 64,
66) include at least one laser (20, 54, 62, 64).

6. (currently amended) The device as defined by claim 1,
~~characterized in thatwherein~~ the first equipment unit (10) has means (24) which
make it possible to level the optical signal means (20, 22, 50, 54, 60, 62, 64, 66),
for generating directional information, relative to the reference face (16).

Claim 7 cancelled.

8. (currently amended) The device as defined by claim 1,
~~characterized in thatwherein~~ the spacing determining means include a
mechanical measuring system (28).

9. (currently amended) The device as defined by claim 8,
~~characterized in thatwherein~~ the mechanical measuring system for determining

spacing includes a travel pickup (28) connected to the second equipment unit (12).

10. (currently amended) The device as defined by claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the spacing determining means include a radar measuring system.

Claim 11 cancelled.

Claim 12 cancelled.

13. (new) A device for positioning markings, having a first equipment unit (10), having means (14) for disposing the first equipment unit (10) at a predeterminable first position (18) of a reference face (16), and having optical signal means (20, 22, 50, 54, 60, 62, 64, 66) for generating directional information, a second equipment unit (12, 13), which is positionable relative to the first equipment unit (10) and which has means (20, 22, 28, 50, 54, 60, 62, 64, 66), which make it possible to ascertain the spacing of the second equipment unit (12, 13) from the first equipment unit (10) in the direction predetermined by the first equipment unit, wherein the optical signal means (20, 22, 50, 54, 60, 62, 64, 66) are self-leveling.

14. (new) A device for positioning markings, having a first equipment unit (10), having means (14) for disposing the first equipment unit (10) at a predetermined first position (18) of a reference face (16), and having optical signal means (20, 22, 50, 54, 60, 62, 64, 66) for generating directional information, a second equipment unit (12, 13), which is positionable relative to the first equipment unit (10) and which has means (20, 22, 28, 50, 54, 60, 62, 64, 66), which make it possible to ascertain the spacing of the second equipment unit (12, 13) from the first equipment unit (10) in the direction predetermined by the first equipment unit, wherein the second equipment unit (12, 13) has marking means (34, 68), which make it possible to mark a second position on the reference face (16) which corresponds to the ascertained spacing from the predetermined first position in the direction predetermined by the first equipment unit (10)

15. (new) A marking device comprising a first equipment unit (10), having means (14) for disposing the first equipment unit (10) at a predetermined first position (18) of a reference face (16), and having optical signal means (20, 22, 50, 54, 60, 62, 64, 66) for generating directional information, a second equipment unit (12, 13), which is positionable relative to the first equipment unit (10) and which has means (20, 22, 28, 50, 54, 60, 62, 64, 66), which make it possible to ascertain the spacing of the second equipment unit (12, 13) from the first equipment unit (10) in the direction predetermined by the

first equipment unit, wherein at least one of the first and second equipment units has display means (32), which is configured to reproduce the spacing value of the second equipment unit and the first equipment unit.